Application No. 10/562,804 Docket No.: 66969-0004 Amendment dated January 3, 2011 (the 2nd falling on a Sunday)

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A process for fixing at least one balancing weight to at least

one location on a hollow shaft, for torque transmission at rotational speeds in the range of 3000

rpm to 12000 rpm in a drive system for a vehicle, comprising securing the at least one balancing

weight to the at least one location by soldering without a shielding gas, wherein one of a tin-

based and zinc-based flux-free solder with a soldered tensile strength greater than 100 N/mm² is

applied as a foil.

2-18. (Cancelled)

19 (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one

balancing weight is secured by soft soldering.

(Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 19, wherein the hollow 20.

shaft, at the at least one location, does not exceed a maximum temperature of 450°C during

soldering.

21. (Cancelled)

(Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the soldering

step at the at least one location lasts no longer than 3 seconds.

23. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 20, wherein the soldering

step at the at least one location lasts no longer than 3 seconds.

24 (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the soldering

step at the at least one location lasts no longer than 3 seconds.

25. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein during soldering,

a joining force of less than 2000 Newton is exerted on the at least one balancing weight towards

the hollow shaft.

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26. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 20, wherein during soldering, a joining force of less than 2000 Newton is exerted on the at least one balancing

weight towards the hollow shaft.

(Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one

balancing weight is first provided with solder material and, thereafter, fixed to the hollow shaft.

28. (Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 27, wherein a plurality of balancing weights are fixed, and at least in some cases, different quantities of solder material are

provided at the balancing weights.

(Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of

the following heat sources is used for the soldering step: inductor, convector.

(Previously Presented) A process according to Claim 1, wherein at least a 30

balancing of the hollow shaft and the soldering of the at least one balancing weight are carried

out on a single machine.

(Currently Amended) A process for fixing at least one balancing weight to at least

one location on a hollow shaft, for torque transmission at rotational speeds in the range of 3000

rpm to 12000 rpm in a drive system for a vehicle, comprising securing the at least one balancing weight to the at least one location by brazing without a shielding gas, wherein one of a tin-based

and zinc based flux-free solder with a soldered tensile strength greater than 100 N/mm² is used.

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